

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DONTE TAYLOR

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2:18cr00242

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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

AND NOW, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, upon due consideration of defendant Dante Taylor's *pro se* motion to disqualify counsel, IT IS ORDERED that [115] the motion be, and the same hereby is, denied.

The court has carefully considered each of the purported shortcomings highlighted by defendant in support of his motion and has considered and ruled on the substantive grounds underlying each of those shortcomings in its rulings on defendant's *pro se* motions issued on this date. At the very least, the matters that defendant contends counsel should have further pursued and/or filed motions on are meritless. The lack of merit in these matters cannot be cured with the benefit of counsel. As a result, counsel cannot be faulted for failing to pursue matters that are frivolous and/or consist of legal non-sense. And defendant does not have the freedom to change lawyers at his whim simply because counsel will not invest time in and/or present such matters to the court. Consequently, his motion to disqualify counsel properly has been denied.

s/David Stewart Cercone  
David Stewart Cercone  
Senior United States District Judge

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